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Marginal Column

By DAVID VITAL

All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 37 seats in the Senate are at stake in the elections due in the United States the first week in November. It is a pity that our minds are too full of grants-in-aid and regional security pacts for us to be dispassionate about the electoral hustle. Now that our own major party has declared itself for constituency representation we could do worse than take a cool, close look at the American scene. But of course what people really want to know is who will win — without being sure of what difference it will make.

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One thing is plain: it would take very little to give the Democrats control of both Houses of Congress. They need three more seats in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. Their prospects are best in the House, where between thirty and forty of the Republican seats were won by very small margins — three or four per cent or less — in 1952. One important difference between 1952 and this year is that the President's magic name will not appear on the voting machines this time. The holders of marginal seats can expect to suffer accordingly.

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THEN there is the recent election in Maine. It is no longer true, of course, that "as Maine goes, so goes the nation." The adage was altered to "as Maine goes, so goes Vermont" as long ago as 1936 when Roosevelt won his great landslide vote. But still, it stands out as a solid fact in the current swirl of conjecture. Not only was a Republican defeated for the Governorship, but the popular and widely respected Senator Margaret Chase Smith had her majority cut by half by a professor of history, of all people. Maine's Republican Congressmen won with much reduced majorities, one with a margin of only 3,000. All this is typical for an off-year, and to be expected even if there were no popular dissatisfaction with the Administration's farm policy, with the spectacle of the Army—McCarthy hearings to set beside 1952's brave promise to clear up the Washington mess, and a widespread sense that Mr. Dulles has not much to show for his efforts. (The end of the Korean war is popularly credited to Mr. Eisenhower.) On the other hand, the depression predicted by many Democrats has not materialised, and prosperity and financial confidence are the rule—despite the chronic unemployment of 5 per cent of the working population. So all in all, there is an even chance of the Democrats gaining bare control of the House with a majority of, say, 10-12 seats.

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THE Senate is another matter altogether. Most of the seats in question are Democratic, won in Mr. Truman's great year of 1948. The 18 Republican seats are chiefly in safe places in the Middle West. The Democrats will be on the defensive, except in the South — where the Supreme Court's ruling on school segregation has apparently rallied a lot of people back to the traditional party. The likelihood is that the Republicans will hold the Senate with a slightly increased majority. Mr. Eisenhower will then be in a difficult, but not impossible position. Some Democrats are now telling the voters that they deserve re-election as loyal supporters of the President and it is probable that in some ways he will have an easier time of it than he had with a Republican Congress. The danger is elsewhere. If the Republicans' triumphant return to Washington after 20 years of opposition is to end so sadly, with only their (essentially non-party) President to represent them in the seats of power, American political life is likely to undergo great, even violent transformations. No party can stand perennial defeat. Even a Democrat might prefer that the G.O.P. get two more years in which to re-learn the uses and technique of power.

Jerusalem, September 22.

MAY RELEASE OREN

GENEVA, Tuesday (INA). — Reports coming through to neutral Switzerland today said that Mordechai Oren, Israel Mapam emissary, will shortly be released from prison in Czechoslovakia.

He was imprisoned more than two years ago, and was sentenced to a term of not less than 15 years on what had been described as "trumped up charges" alleging "espionage for a foreign power."

His case caused world-wide indignation, coinciding as it did with the now-famous "anti-Semitic" Slansky trial.

NEW CZECH ENVOY TO YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE, Tuesday (Reuter). —Mr. Wilhelm Pithart, the first Czechoslovak Ambassador to Yugoslavia since 1948, arrived here today to take up his post. After Yugoslavia's break with the Cominform all Soviet bloc states withdrew their envoys.

Adenauer Would Accept Rearming Within NATO

BONN, Tuesday. — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will accept an Allied programme rearming a sovereign West Germany within the framework of NATO, semi-official sources revealed today.

They made the statement in connection with the proposals yesterday of French Premier Mendes-France for a new defence organisation within the framework of an enlarged Brussels pact and the Atlantic Treaty. They agreed that the organs of armament control should be kept at the level of the Brussels pact.

From Washington, it was reported that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will take to the nine-nation talks in London next Tuesday positive proposals for the rearmament of a sovereign West Germany.

He will submit these proposals within the terms of his declared objective of bringing West Germany into Western defence with non-discriminatory safeguards against resurgent militarism.

French Optimistic

Meanwhile, Paris reports quoted Foreign Ministry spokesmen as being optimistic today that the London talks will result in agreement on a system of rearming West Germany.

The British Cabinet met today to draw up the main lines of its policy for next week's conference. No indications of the Cabinet decisions were given, but diplomatic quarters in London are more than hopeful that the nine Foreign Ministers will be able to agree on an alternative to rearm the German Republic.

The British plan is to bring Germany directly into NATO and build safeguards into the organisation that would equally control the armed forces in Europe of all the NATO nations as well as reviving the 1948 Brussels pact and admitting Germany and Italy. U.S. thinking tended to agree with the British on introducing protective measures in NATO.

(Reuter, UP)

Israel Chessmen Tie With Sweden; in Seventh Place

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday (UP).—Russia reached an overall lead of five points in the International Chess Tourney today, leading Argentina 25 to 20.

Israel tied with Sweden, 2 to 2, dropping to seventh place with 17½ points. Aloni defeated Nielsen, Oren lost to Ohrburg, while the matches between Porat and Stahlberg and Csernlak and Londeen ended in draws.

Yugoslavia and West Germany are tied for third place with 19½ points, followed by Czechoslovakia 18½, Hungary 18, Israel 17½, Holland 16, Bulgaria 11½, Sweden 9½, England 9 and Iceland 8.

Reform in Gov't Grades Urged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Excessive fragmentation and concessions to various professional groupings has led to the creation of 90 different grades in the Civil Service and the break-down of uniform salary scales—a situation which can only be remedied by radical reform. This is the main conclusion arrived at by a special team of Civil Servants whose survey of grading and salary conditions in the Government and public institutions was submitted yesterday to the Prime Minister.

Last January, the Cabinet asked the Civil Service Commission to prepare data on which a public advisory committee might suggest reforms to the Government. Four officials from the Civil Service Commission, and one from the State Comptroller's office, compiled the material which comprises 186 pages of facts and figures.

Although the survey was not meant to contain proposals, nevertheless it embodies certain principles in the criticism directed at the system — or lack of it — of paying employees. "The creation of a loyal and efficient Civil Service depends on many factors, primarily on that of salary." Pay should be modest, but not so meagre as to deter good personnel from entering the Service. The attraction of public standing, security and regular promotion should compensate for lower financial rewards than in private employment. The survey reveals that Government employees receive less pay than their equivalents in public institutions.

"The recurrent changes in methods of grading and wage-scales have lowered morale and hindered progress in the State service," the compilers say, "because these revisions have never been based on scientific research. They are patchwork, forced by the demands of groups within the Service."

In 1949, the Mandatory and Jewish Agency grades were replaced by 13 categories in State employ. Administrative and academic workers received extra allowances the year after, destroying the concept of unified grading. In 1951, the Govrin Committee effected abolition of these allowances, giving expense-accounts instead. The categories were expanded to 17, and unity of grading was thus restored. Not long after, the Government conceded a different wage-scale to doctors and nurses, rapidly followed by a whole series of other professional employees.

Shift in Balance

This resulted in a shift of balance to the disadvantage of administrative staff. A legal or medical adviser received more than his Director-General, and a pharmacist in charge of medical stores was better paid than a District Representative.

At the same time, salaries in private industry rose by 15 per cent. in the wake of a marked inflationary trend. This, too, emphasised the underpayment of senior officials. The Cost-of-Living Index jumped 116 points in 1950-53, until the living allowance was more than the basic wage. As the C-o-L allowance was reckoned only on part of a salary, higher grades were again put at a disadvantage. "In consequence, many talented administrators left the Service."

The wholesale revision of last winter, raising pay in the top grades, and dividing the general framework into 15 categories, alleviated some of these complaints. But it was now the turn of professional employees to feel discriminated against: first judges gained a complete overhaul of their salary scale, then the remaining small groups of academic workers. Full circle came

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Russians Fail to Seat Peking at UN Opening

NEW YORK Tuesday. — The ninth session of the U.N. General Assembly which opened today rejected the Soviet demand for the seating of the Peking Government and the ousting of the Chinese Nationalist delegates.

The voting was 48 to 11 in favour of shelving Russia's demand. Israel voted in favour.

Voting was carried out before the Credentials Committee had been set up and before the U.N. President had been elected.

Voting against the motion were: Burma, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, India, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the Ukraine, Soviet Russia and Yugoslavia. Abstaining were: Afghanistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen.

Mrs. Pandit, outgoing President of the Assembly, called for a vote on the question of priority for the U.S. motion which was approved with 45 votes in favour, seven against, and five abstentions.

Last year's vote on deferring the motion for Chinese representation was 44-10.

The Soviet chief delegate, Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky, made the formal motion for admittance of the Peking Government to the U.N. in place of the Nationalists, but the U.S. immediately countered by asking the Assembly to postpone consideration of this question for at least a year.

Evasion of Duties

Mr. Vyshinsky charged that a majority of the U.N. members had "systematically evaded" their duties under the U.N. Charter. He said that the barring of the Peking Government was a "monstrous situation" with the 600 million people of China being represented in the international body by "the Kuomintang clique."

Such a state of affairs cannot be tolerated or be allowed to continue under any circumstances, he stated, adding that China would have been included in the U.N. long ago had it not been for the U.S.

Mr. John Cabot Lodge, U.S. delegate, wasted no time in arguing the case, but immediately asked that the Assembly give priority to his motion by voting on it before taking up Mr. Vyshinsky's move.

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain said that his Government did not consider that a debate on the Chinese question would be wise or timely at present. It was unwise to force a vote on an issue on which the Assembly was so deeply and evenly divided, he stated.

(Reuter, UP)

BELGIUM LEAVING KOREA

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (UP). — Belgium is to withdraw her troops from Korea by the end of December, the Government announced today.

Over 3,500 Belgians served in a volunteer battalion, costing the nation about one billion francs ($20 million). A total of 101 were killed, five are missing and 359 were wounded during the fighting.

Van Kleffens New Assembly President

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, chief U.S. delegate of the Netherlands, was elected President of the ninth U.N. General Assembly today.

The vote was 45 for Dr. van Kleffens, three for Prince Wan of Thailand, and 12 abstentions.

The vote came after a dramatic incident in which India's Mr. Krishna Menon sought to have the issue go to the Assembly's Credentials Committee, but which was overruled by Mrs. Pandit, the outgoing President.

Mrs. Pandit named Burma, El Salvador, France, the Lebanon, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Soviet Union, the United States, and Uruguay to the Credentials Committee. She then called for the secret election of the President of the Assembly, each member nation being summoned in turn to place its ballot in the box at the rostrum.

Crisis Over, Vietnam Army Chief Says

SAIGON, Tuesday. — General Nguyen Van Hinh, Army Chief of Staff and central figure in a trial of strength between Army and Government in Vietnam, announced today that ex-Emperor Bao Dai, the head of State, "has recognized our demands," and the role of the Army in this crisis is over." He said "I am satisfied," after receiving a telegram from Bao Dai.

Nine Vietnamese Ministers were reported to have tendered their resignation last night, but Premier Ngo Dinh Diem said that he had not received any offers of resignation and had no intention of reshuffling the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, two persons were killed and three wounded today when police fired during riots provoked by supporters of the Premier in a refugee camp on the outskirts of the city. Police fired on refugees who also demonstrated for return to their homes in Communist controlled North Vietnam.

Reports from the Laotian capital of Vientiane said that Vice-Premier Phoui Sananikone had resigned today.

(Reuter, UP)

FLOATING DOCK TAKES SHELTER

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The floating dock bought with Reparation funds which was on its way from Lubeck to Haifa, has sought shelter in a British port to escape bad weather and the risk of damage. It is reported to have reached harbour unharmed.

The dock is 120 metres long and 30 metres wide, and its side walls are seven metres high. Two Dutch tugs are towing the unwieldy equipment. The operation is very difficult in bad weather. All towing tackle is now being strengthened for the journey through the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay to Gibraltar.

It is expected that the dock will continue its journey in a few days.

Settlements On 3 Borders Hit By Marauders

Settlements near the Egyptian, Jordanian and Lebanese borders suffered considerable damage from attacks by marauders on Monday.

A tractor driver was wounded and a house was dynamited in two places 10 kilometres distant from each other south of Gedera on Monday night. Identical tracks of four men wearing rubber-soled shoes were found in both places. The tracks led in the direction of the sand dunes near the Gaza Strip, but the investigation had to be discontinued before dusk because the U.N. observer, Major S.E. Rosinius, of Sweden, had to go back to his residence in Gaza before the 6.15 curfew there.

The tractor driver, Mr. Yehoshua Keimer, 23, of Haifa, was ploughing a field near Gan Givati at 3 p.m. when shots were fired at him from a gap in the cactus hedge on which he had just turned his headlights. He was hit in both hands. He stopped for a moment, regained control and drove the tractor at top speed to a point 1,500 metres away where two watchmen took him to a first-aid Station and from there to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot. Mr. Keimer told reporters today that he heard only one burst of fire, but police asserted that he was hit by two types of bullet.

The other Egyptian outrage occurred four hours later in Hatzav village. Two charges of explosives were detonated under the windows of the house where Mr. Benzion Halphon, the village secretary, and his newly wed wife Malka, were sleeping. The blast of the explosion threw them to the opposite wall. They believe that they escaped injury because the celotex ceiling fell on them, protecting their bodies from the bricks and furniture. The damage is estimated at IL. 2,000. It is believed that 12 kilograms of explosives were used.

Tracks Found

Mr. Halphon thought at first that the attackers might have been led by another villager who had a personal grudge against him. Police arrested the villager but released him when the tracks were found.

Egyptian soldiers opened fire at noon on Monday from across the Armistice Line on an Israel position in the vicinity of Sheikh Navhan, near the Gaza Strip, the Army spokesman has announced. Israel troops returned the fire, he added.

A 12-inch water pipe belonging to Mekorot was damaged on Monday night by infiltrators at a place about a kilometre from the Fassuta-Elkosh road near the Lebanese border the spokesman reported. Tracks of two men led northward. The marauders had dug an 80 centimetre hole, and in it they had buried a small quantity of explosives, which caused the damage.

An Israel unit patrolling the Israel-Jordan Armistice Line near Modi'in in the Lydda area, was fired upon on Monday from across the Line, the spokesman continued. The unit returned the fire. There were no casualties.

On the same night, Arab Legioners stationed in the Old City for the second time in a week, threw stones at the Israel Police Station near Mandelbaum Gate. No one was injured nor was any damage reported.

Jordan has lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission, UP reports, alleging that 16 Israel jet planes violated Jordan air-space on Monday by flying over the villages of Khirbet Zabid, Rumana and Zababa, in the Jenin area.

Israeli Returned

The Jordan authorities yesterday returned a Jerusalem resident who had crossed the border a week ago.

Mr. Evi Reiner, 28, also known as "Hershele" who was handed over to the District Officer Mr. R. Levy, said that he left the Kfar Shaul Mental Hospital to look for work. After wandering around the Talpiot quarter of Jerusalem, he suddenly found himself among a group of Jordan officers who arrested him. Mr. Reiner was returned to the Mental Hospital.

Judgment Reserved in Marta Case

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The appeal of Samal Aharon Marta against the nine-month sentence passed on him by the District Court Martial for "unsoldierly conduct and the public utterance of political opinion" was heard by the Supreme Court Martial here today. Judgment was reserved until October 14.

The appellant, aged 21, came to this country from Rumania four years ago, his attorney, Mr. A. Davidesco, told the court. He was on discharge leave from the Army, supporting himself in Haifa as a building worker. He wore his Army uniform, however, "perhaps because as yet he had no other clothes," the attorney said.

The incident for which Marta was sentenced occurred in Haifa Port where emigrants to Rumania awaited embarkation while officials of the Jewish Agency tried to dissuade them from leaving. Marta, who was described by witnesses as "speaking as if he was making a speech" said that the emigrants would do best to leave as the State was not concerned with their difficulties. The prosecution contended that a soldier has no right to express a political opinion in public. Mr. Davidesco said that Marta was simply using his right of free speech guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence. The court, he claimed, has turned the case into a political affair by giving it publicity; moreover, it ruled out of order his question whether the accused had any political affiliation.

Witnesses stated that Marta's utterances had had a bad influence because since he wore a uniform, it was thought that he was representing the Government. Moreover, Marta was heard speaking disdainfully of "the institution which had put the uniform on me".

Capt.-Aluf M. Bender, for the prosecution, asked that the sentence be upheld. The lower court's decision had no political element he said. The very fact that the question of political adherence was not permitted proved it. A soldier could not be as free as a civilian. Marta's behaviour undermined the effort of the Jewish Agency to dissuade emigrants from leaving.

Mr. M. Nochimovsky, who represented the accused on behalf of the League for Human Rights, asked the court to squash the original sentence "to close the gap between the Army and the civilian".

The court was headed by Aluf Mishneh N. Shadmi and was composed of Aluf Mishneh E. Gelber, Sgan Aluf M. Heruti, Sgan Aluf A. Haechem and Rav Seren H. Tzadok.

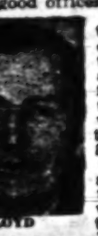
Britain Offers to Mediate Israel-Arab Differences

Advises Immediate General Talks

LONDON, Tuesday. — Britain offered her good offices to the Arab nations and Israel today to settle their differences, a Foreign Ministry statement said. The statement was in the nature of a disclosure of seven points brought to the attention of the eight Arab envoys here in a meeting today with the Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.

The sixth point in the statement said that Britain "believed that discussion of the differences between the parties would help. This could be either direct or through third parties.

"There could either be a preliminary discussion designed to create more peaceful conditions on the borders which could lead to a wider discussion of all the outstanding differences, or a more general discussion straight away. In either case Her Majesty's Government, for their part, were willing to offer their good offices."



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Mr. Lloyd told the Arab envoys that the British attach gerat importance to the effective working of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, and hoped that Israel would return to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. He added that the British also hoped that the meetings of local commanders between Israel and Jordan would be revived.

Condemn Reprisals

He condemned reprisal raids, and said that the atmosphere for a settlement could only be created if there was a more peaceful situation on Israel's borders. Mr. Lloyd stated in conclusion that British policy would continue to be based on existing treaties and obligations, among them the treaty with Jordan and the Tripartite Declaration.

The Arab ambassadors would not comment on the statement until they had had a chance to refer it to their Governments. A meeting of Arab envoys will take place on Thursday at the Egyptian Embassy to consider further action.

The text of the statement follows:

"In the course of the discussion, the Minister made the following points:

1. The Arab Governments could rest assured of her Majesty's Government's keen interest, in all the problems of the Middle East and of their desire still further to develop friendly relations between Arab states and the West.

2. H.M.G. had for long desired to add to the defensive strength of the Middle East. It was an area where the defences of the free world were not yet strong enough. H.M.G. also believed that economic development and reform were strong weapons for resisting Communist infiltration and subversion. H.M.G. welcomed any measures likely to enable the Arab countries, as stated in the Ambassador's memorandum, to develop their resources and improve the condition of their peoples.

3. H.M.G. had constantly in mind the lot of the Arab refugees from Palestine whose sufferings had commanded universal sympathy. H.M.G., in addition to the large financial contributions which they had made, were seeking to encourage plans for making it possible for the refugees' lives

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Hutchison's Recall Announced by UN

Commander Elmo H. Hutchison, Chairman of the Hashemite Jordan Kingdom-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, has been recalled by the United States Navy to the United States for duty about the end of October, on the expiration of the period of his assignment to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Commander Hutchison will probably relinquish the Chairmanship of the Mixed Armistice Commission towards the middle of October.

Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the UNTSO stated that, in accordance with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement he will designate a new Chairman of the Jordan-Israel MAC after consultation with both parties.

Major-General Burns also paid a high tribute to the courage, efficiency and devotion to duty with which Commander Hutchison had carried out his very difficult task during a period of acute tension between the parties.

Back to MAC

The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent writes that it is expected that with the retirement of Commander Hutchison, the way will now be clear for Israel to return to full participation in the work of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

One recalls at this juncture the recent conversations between the Head of the Truce Supervision Organization and Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, the Chief of Staff. It will also be remembered that, in the statement in which Israel announced her withdrawal from the Israel-Jordan MAC in March 1954, immediately after the meeting of that body which followed the Ma'ale Akrabim outrage, it was announced that it was because of the circumstances then prevailing that Israel saw no possibility of continuing to participate in the activities of the MAC.

It is understood that the Prime Minister will reply today to the report issued by General Burns last Wednesday on conditions along the Israel-Jordan border.

Burns Holding Special Israel-Egypt MAC Today

The Truce Supervision Organisation Chief of Staff, General E.L.M. Burns, is scheduled today to preside over the first meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Special Committee since it adjourned in June 1951, the U.N. spokesman said yesterday. There are 24 appeals on the agenda, six from Israel and the rest from Egypt, all dating back two years or more.

The appeals concern alleged expulsion of a Beduin tribe from Israel territory, marauding and retaliatory incidents. Today's meeting will largely be devoted to deciding in what order the appeals should be judged.

The Special Committee is composed of the delegates to the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission, with the Chief of Staff as chairman.

Bennike Goes Home

General Vagn Bennike left the country yesterday after serving for 15 months as U.N. Chief of Staff. He drove with his family from U.N. headquarters at Government House into the Old City and thence to Beirut.

"Falastin," the Old City daily, yesterday published a farewell message attributed to General Bennike in which he is quoted as saying that, during his tenure he had "learned to love the Arabs. They are a noble people, worthy of a free life.

"I am confident that their just cause will win in the end and I will do my best to explain to my own people the realities of the Palestine case on the basis of my personal experience."

Emphasis on Direct Negotiations

"Israel would be glad if any friendly government should succeed in bringing her together with representatives of any or all of the Arab states for the purpose of direct negotiations, for which Israel has always been ready," the Foreign Ministry stated last night.

The reply of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd to the eight Arab State envoys, can, on the face of it, be hardly what they expected after the inflammatory representations they made against Israel and the demands they put forward, writes The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent.

It will be remembered that any talk of direct negotiations with Israel has been something in the nature of a red rag to a bull to the Arab states, as is sufficiently indicated by the most recent instance of the invocation some months ago of Article XII of the Armistice Agreement calling Jordan to direct talks about that pact.

Consistent Position

It is too early to speculate whether Mr. Selwyn Lloyd's statement is part of a new policy on the part of the West, designed to begin to exercise real influence towards securing a Middle Eastern settlement, or whether it was made just as an ad hoc declaration of policy in one isolated, specific instance.

Israel's consistent position has been to be always ready to enter into direct negotiations leading to peace, and this was repeated in the brief Foreign Ministry reaction to Mr. Lloyd's statement last night.

Nuri 'Lies' on Early Bakcing of West

Every single word mentioned by Iraqi Premier Nuri e-Said in his press conference on the Arab decision to support the West as early as 1949 is a "lie," Abdul Rahman Azzam, Arab League Secretary-General at that time, declared in Cairo yesterday, the Arab News Agency reported.

He said this may have been the viewpoint of Said himself but it certainly had not been agreed upon by all seven member states, as Said had claimed.

Hassuna Bars Shukeiry As UN Delegate

Abdul Khaled Hassuna, Secretary-General of the Arab League now attending the U.N. Assembly as an observer, has cabled his assistant, Achmed Shukeiry, prohibiting his participation as a member of the Syrian delegation attending the Assembly sessions, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

The step marked a further intensification of the two-month-old strife between the two regarding each other's jurisdiction in League affairs.

EGYPTIAN MISSION

VENICE, Tuesday (Reuter) — An Egyptian economic mission headed by the Minister of Industry and Trade arrived here today for a visit to Italy's most important industrial plants.

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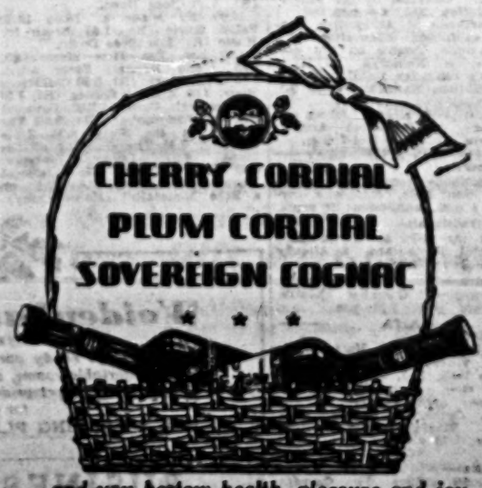

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Father Louis Stinkovsky, in charge of the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Father Stinkovsky presented Mr. Ben-Zvi with a copy of a new Latin translation of the Book of Psalms. Dr. S. Colbi, of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Ben-Zvi also received Mr. M. Schattner, Director of the Development Authority.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were hosts at luncheon yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Haim Solomon.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were presented on Monday with a certificate of inscription in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund by a group of veteran teachers. The teachers were received recently by the President on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Teachers' Association.

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A farewell reception for the British Ambassador and Lady Evans, was given by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut, at his home last night.

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Viscount Hinchingbrooke visited Beersheba, Sdom and the Oranim Potash Works yesterday, during a five-day visit to Israel.

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Miss Ingeborg Deutsch-Kron, Secretary of the Socialist International in London, visited Beersheba yesterday and was received by the Labour Council.

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Mr. Leo Savir of the Foreign Ministry is leaving for London on Friday to take up the post of Press Attache at the Embassy there. He will succeed Mr. Michael Arnon, who is returning to Jerusalem for reassignment.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. F. Hegg, the Swiss Minister, returning from home leave; Mr. H. Moller, Managing Director of the Ata textile factory, returning with Mrs. Moller from a visit to Scandinavia; Mr. I. Recanati, Manager of the Palestine Discount Bank, returning with Mrs. Recanati from a visit to Europe (by Swissair); Mr. Birnkrant, of Los Angeles, on a short visit to check investment possibilities (by TWA); Dr. Leo Kohn, Political Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, and Mrs. Kohn, from Switzerland; Mr. Melech Ravitz, prominent Yiddish poet and writer, from Montreal; Mr. Mendel Singer, of "Davar," from the U.S. and Scandinavia (aboard the s.s. Artza); Professor R. Bacchi, Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics, from Rome where he had participated in the World Conference on Population Problems.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute of Science, on a trip to Europe on behalf of the Institute (by Swissair); Mme Bertrand de la Sablière, wife of the French Consul General in Jerusalem, for Paris; Mr. R. Pinson, Air France representative in Israel, on a business visit to Paris (by Air France); Mrs. Fay Grove, Chairman of the Organization and Culture Department of World Wizo, on a mission to Scandinavia; Mr. Edwin Samuel, for five weeks in the U.S. for the Hebrew University Capital Fund Drive (By KLM).

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A reception in honour of Mr. Jack Verdi, San Francisco businessman and prominent Zionist, was held on Monday at the home of Mr. H. Yardan, of the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund, and Mrs Yarden.

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Rina Nikova gave the first demonstration-lesson in ballet dancing at her Studio, 38 Usishkin. Among the guests present were Prof. and Mrs. Cecil Roth, Prof. Orselli, and others.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Photography in Israel," exhibit of new acquisitions to the Art Library. Exhibit of the month: Samaritan earthenware bowl with inscription, 9-10th centuries. National Museum, Rambal, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
"Conqueror of the Desert" permanent exhibition of the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Naharlya (XVIII-th-XVIth centuries B.C.E.), 26 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6 p.m.
Paintings by Regina Lichter and Gallery of Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Concert:—
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★ Entertainment:—
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★ Theatres:—
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall, 8.30 p.m.

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★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings by Mane Katz, Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
★ Concert:—
Summer night Concert by the Haifa Orchestra. Programme:—Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart. Gan Ha'em, 8.30 p.m.

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★ Theatre:—
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GIVATAYIM

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"Carrefax," Chamber Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Backlog of Cases Awaiting Hearing Dwindling, Courts Director Says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Within one year almost every case filed in the Courts will be heard within four months of submission," Judge J. Eisenberg, Director of Courts, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Fifty stenographers (funds for only 25 were recently refused), would cut this time down further by relieving the judges of the tedious task of taking notes in longhand and would increase general efficiency.

At present, the backlog of cases has been diminished so much that this favourable situation already exists in the Tel Aviv District and Magistrate Courts as well as in several Magistrate Courts in the small towns. All, with few exceptions, made a considerable inroad into pending cases between August 1953 and August 1954, according to the latest statistics available. On the former date there were 27,500 cases pending. During the year, 138,700 new files were submitted and 141,600 dealt with, leaving about 25,000 pending at the end of the recent recess. This is a great improvement over two years ago.

Backlogs, however, accumulated for civilian appeals in the High Court which functioned in the period under review with only five justices. At present, however, it is working with nine and the backlog should be disposed of within 18 months, Judge Eisenberg said. Criminal appeals, applications and all other matters outstanding in the High Court were reduced in number.

A small backlog has also accumulated in the Jerusalem District Court, but with the appointment of another judge soon, the situation is expected to improve. The Haifa District Court, in which 12 murder cases are pending (each must be heard by three judges), has asked for an additional two judges to catch up with and reduce pending cases. To expedite hearings in Haifa, Judge Eisenberg has divided the Haifa Court into civil and criminal branches, headed by Judge Jacob Azoulai, President, and Judge Herzl Zohar, Relieving President, respectively. Despite the present delay in hearing cases in Jerusalem and Haifa, the situation in Israel compares most favourably with that in England and the U.S. where a two-three year wait for civil cases is the rule, not the exception, Judge Eisenberg said.

30 Cases Daily

Turning to the newly established Rent Tribunals, Judge Eisenberg stated that about 30 new cases were submitted daily in Tel Aviv alone. It was impossible to predict if this number would rise or decrease as judgments laid down might lead to both sides reaching amiable solutions out of court. At present, most of the cases are settled by compromise in Court. As a rule, the landlord, who is demanding higher rent, submits the case.

Judge Eisenberg indicated that he was making every effort to have judges and magistrates transferred to Courts closest their homes. In line with this policy, several transfers have already been made. All judges who are to sit as Presidents of Rent Tribunals in small towns will live in the town in question.

This will not only save the State travel expenses, but will also conserve the judge's time and nergy and increase the efficiency of the court.

It is hoped to establish a District Court of the first instance in Nazareth. A judge will be transferred from Tel Aviv for this purpose. A juvenile court judge for the northern district is also to be appointed soon. At present, one juvenile court judge handles all cases in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the South.

$5M. OIL SWINDLE

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The New York State Government has stopped a Canadian Oil Company scheme which is alleged to have defrauded 1,000 American investors of $5m.

The State Attorney General's office called it "the largest fraud case in 15 years" in announcing the Government's intervention yesterday.

Children Strike For Orthodox School

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Teachers arriving last week at Menuha, an immigrant village in the south, found their 70 pupils on strike, and had to go home without starting the term. The Kurdish families at Menuha mostly practise traditional Judaism, and had signed a petition to the Ministry of Education asking for an Orthodox State school. Last year, the children received secular education only.

Word reached the villagers that one of the teachers had been seen smoking on Sabbath, proving that the Ministry had not taken steps to reform the school on Orthodox lines. Accordingly, they refused to send the children when term began.

The local education office is now dealing with the matter, assured a Ministry spokesman. He denied that the village had asked for Orthodox schooling, nor had parents expressed a wish to transfer their children to another school. If they had done so, said the spokesman, an Orthodox class could have been arranged.

Democrat 'Fact Book' Blasts Republicans

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). —The Democratic National Committee today armed the Party's candidates with a 96-page "fact book" crammed with "all the ammunition needed" to wrest control of Congress from the Republicans in November. The tone of the booklet, which lambasts the Republican record of the last two years on 26 major issues, was in line with former President Truman's recent "give 'em hell" letter to a Democratic meeting in Indianapolis.

Some of the subjects discussed and their subheadings: Farm — "The breaks promises while Benson breaks the farmer." Taxes — "GOP tax cuts help the few, ignore the many." Foreign policy — "The slogan now is 'talk tough and carry a twig.'" Social Security — "Yesterday's 'Socialism' is today's pride and joy." The "giveaway" — "Fun and prizes for GOP contributors." Trade — "the ramparts they watch are high tariff walls." The booklet, in its concluding chapter, said a Democratic Congress, offers the best chance of enacting President Eisenhower's trade and public housing programme.

Under "the giveaway," the booklet blasted the Dixon-Yates Atomic power contract and said Democrats had defeated GOP attempts to give a small group of stockmen "virtual ownership" of public grazing lands and had defeated the "timberlands exchange bill."

"But for the Democrats," it said, "The Atomic Energy bill would have been the biggest giveaway of all." It argued the election of a Democratic Congress to give the Administration "greater freedom of action" in foreign policy. It said Eisenhower "no longer would have to wrestle either with the old guard" or the "political oratory of the past to which the old guard is wedded."

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Chilean Copper Mines Under Siege

SANTIAGO, Chile, Tuesday (Reuter). — Strong troop reinforcements guarded mining camps today under a six month state of siege ordered by the Government last night, which followed reports that Communist saboteurs attacked the Potrerillos plant of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company whose employees have been on strike since August 30.

Sixteen men, alleged to have attacked police at the mine with dynamite were arrested, police said. The rest fled.

The Government said it ordered the state of siege to circumvent delays in parliamentary approval of a government request for emergency anti-Communist powers and because of "the danger of action intended to shatter our democratic way of life and the threat of a general strike."

But the government said some of the striking copper miners had returned to work in accordance with an agreement reached on September 17. Work would be resumed progressively in the mines.

Israel Has Among World's 'Best Non-Coms'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA).—Israel's resentment over indications that the U.S. may ship arms to Egypt failed to make a deeper impression in Washington because the State Department is sure that Prime Minister Nasser shares its respect for the Israel Army, the New York "Herald Tribune" has reported from Washington.

This means appreciation of these facts: there are no better non-commissioned officers in the world than those serving under the Star of David flag; back of the punch these men have injected into their troops are jet fighters, B-29's, medium tanks in quantity and quality that make neighbouring Lebanon's 15 antiques look ridiculous, the paper said.

Machine Measures Polio Severity

GLASGOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — An American machine used in Scottish hospitals enables doctors to see at a glance how badly a child poliomyelitis case has the disease.

A doctor explained that in respiratory cases of poliomyelitis the oxygen and carbon dioxide balance in the blood is upset. The American machine is strapped to the forehead and a light shines on the skin so that a doctor can take readings of the blood immediately.

Tomato Puree Finds Excellent Market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Excellent prospects exist for the development of a tomato puree export industry, Dr. Y. Brett-barth, manager of the Citrus By-products Association who also market tinned vegetables, told The Jerusalem Post on his return from a three-month selling tour abroad.

He said that he had sold £25,000 worth of the puree, mainly to the Scandinavian countries, and that he had received sample orders in West Germany where the potential market is very large. Laboratory tests abroad showed that the quality of the local product is up to international standards.

Dr. Brettbarth limited his sales to 200 tons, which require about 1,000 tons of fresh tomatoes to produce, since the supply of tomatoes is still limited. However, the possibilities of growing tomatoes in Israel are limitless as both climate and soil are extremely favourable; the industry can expand rapidly.

ARAB PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

The Old City District Officer, Adnan Yunsi el Husseini, has been appointed Custodian of Enemy Property in Arab held Palestine, ANA reports.

Ampal Investors Prefer Security

By Our Economic Editor

Despite the general slowing down of economic activity in the U.S., there is no reason to fear unsurmountable difficulties to the capital-raising project of the Ampal organization — Dr. Dov Biegun, executive vice-president of Ampal, told The Jerusalem Post.

"While it is true that credit position and free flow of capital inside the U.S. have been somewhat slowed down by the new fiscal policy currently prevailing in the States, it does not basically affect the Ampal community of investors, for they are mainly recruited from the ranks of people who learn to accumulate a certain amount of savings and to place a part of it with Ampal. Inasmuch as our faithful servicing of these investments will continue and faith in our investments in Israel will not be shaken, there is no reason why we should lose the confidence of our clients. It is therefore of importance that the Israel Treasury has kept up its payment so meticulously, thus enabling us to pay our modest dividend regularly," he said.

"Furthermore, it is no secret that the measure of success we have achieved in our activities is not least of all due to our close cooperation with the Government and other public enterprises. For we have found that investors have a greater confidence in enterprises with State and institutional participation than in undertakings purely individually owned and run. Our Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation has succeeded in selling stock for over $3m. during the current year, and our plan now is to place with the public additional stock for about $5m. during the next eighteen months. This stock is wholly risk capital, not intended to be loaned to, but invested in Israel. Our current plans are to use this capital mainly for financing the rising companies in which we participate, but apart from this, we are also studying ways and means of taking part in the dollar export drive which is one of the immediate goals of Israel economy," he continued.

It should be clear to everyone, Dr. Biegun concluded, that above all other considerations the foreign investor seeks in Israel security for his capital, and only secondly a modest safe return. This he can expect only in a stabilized economy, and the more Israel advances along the road to economic and currency stability, the more likely is she to attract investments from abroad.

Dr. Biegun is in charge of the Securities Division of Ampal, and his task is to mainain close personal relations with more than 30,000 investors throughout the U.S., Canada and Latin America.

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Giants Win Pennant, Will Face Indians

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter) — The New York giants clinched the National Baseball League pennant here last night by defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 7-4.

They will meet the Cleveland Indians, the American League winners, in the best of seven "World Series" starting in New York next week. The Giants have six remaining League games but even if they lost them all they could not be caught. They last won the League in 1951.

RESULTS: American League: Washington 7, New York 2; Detroit 4, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 8, Chicago 4. National League: New York 7, Brooklyn 4.

Promoters Get Ready For Rocky's Next

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — As an aftermath of the Rocky Marciano-Ezzard Charles title fight, another conflict appeared in the offing between promoter Jim Norris and Al Weill over who should challenge Rocky next.

Unbeaten Marciano, who knocked out Charles in the eighth round of their twice-postponed return bout Friday night, should make his fifth defence against Nino Valdes, of Cuba, at Miami, Fla., in February, Norris said.

But Weill, manager of the champion, let slip the fact that he favoured Don Cockell, of England, as challenger. It was an accidental admission that shrewd Weill quickly retracted during Rocky's Press conference, but it made clear his preference.

While Rocky's wounds are healing, Norris and Weill will confer at Miami next week, about Rocky's plans.

Charles' knockout Friday night elevated Senor Valdes to the post of top heavyweight contender and boosted Britain's Cockell to number two. They had been second and third respectively before the Yankee Stadium fight that drew 34,320 fans and $126,654.

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NEW STEEPLECHASE RECORD BY FINN

DORTMUND, Tuesday (Reuter). — West Germany beat Finland in a two day international athletics meeting which ended here yesterday. The Finn, Penti Karvonen, set a world record for the 3,000 metres steeplechase with a time of 8:41.4 mins. during the contest.

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THE FAMILY of Indian immigrants who demonstrated outside the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv for five days, were transferred yesterday morning to a Petah Tikva immigrants' home. Their refusal to return to Kfar Yeroham, in the Negev, whence they had come, will be further examined, it was learned from the Jewish Agency.

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THE ASTRONOMICAL observatory (corner Redak and Jabotinsky Streets, bus no. 18) is open to the public on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30 and 9 o'clock (except when the skies are overcast). Registrations may be made at the Obel Bookshop on Jaffa Road (opposite Egged).

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AN EXHIBITION of sea fish will be held for Haifa housewives at the Municipal Kitchen (1 Rehov Hashomer) at 6 p.m. today by the Fisherman's Union in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Tnuva and the Municipality. A demonstration on the preparation of sea fish for the dinner table will be given at the Oranim Club at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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FOR OPENING his shop on a Saturday in violation of a Jerusalem Municipal by-law, Mr. Harry Gutman was fined IL.15 by a Municipal Court. A total of 40 violators of by-laws were fined from IL.5 to IL.30 for offences connected with business hours.

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A SOLDIER was severely injured on the Wadi Ara road yesterday when a vehicle of which he was a passenger overturned. He was taken to Haifa hospital.

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FOUR YOUNG children who ate wild fungoids they had found while playing in a deserted orchard near Yad Eliahu yesterday, were taken to the Hadassah Municipal Hospital in Tel Aviv, suffering from serious stomach poisoning. They are Sara Trus, David Cohen and Yehoshua and Sara Hasbani.

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THE "CURIEL ROOM" in the Mosad Harav Kook Building in Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem, containing the library of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Benzion Uziel, will be open to the public today, the first anniversary of his death, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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THE WOMAN who left her husband's home in Yazur with her two children last Friday following a domestic quarrel, was found yesterday staying with relatives in Haifa. She said that she merely wished to give her husband a fright.

Oil Search Starts at Zichron

ZICHRON YA'ACOV, Tuesday. — The usual bucolic quiet of the threshing floor here was shattered at noon today when the bit of the giant drill of the Israel Continental Oil Company drove into the soil at "Carmel One," the first drilling operation in the north of the country.

The work is being carried out by the Pontiac Petroleum Company, whose general manager, Mr. Konrad Sutykgold, recited the shehekeyanu blessing a few minutes before the engines were started up. He was joined on the platform of the 45-metre-high tower by Professor Leo Picard, of the Hebrew University, the Company's chief geological consultant; and managers and engineers of the oil companies. Mr. Zvi Bronstein, chairman of the Local Council, wished the drillers good luck.

The equipment at Zichron Ya'acov includes a 1,140 hp. engine and drill capable of going down to 3,000 metres; three large Diesel generating plants, special vehicles; more than 20,000 feet of tubing and drilling pipes; 600 tons of chemically treated mud and $300,000 worth of spare parts. Water will be supplied by the Local Council.

Work will now continue on a three-shift, round-the-clock basis. Some 30 local workers are employed, and the only day they will be excused from work will be Yom Kippur, when the non-Jewish experts will remain in charge. The drillers expect to reach 500 metres in the first stage of the operations.

Herut Warns Strike In T.A. May Spread

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Office of Mayor Haim Levanon, for the second day running was occupied today, by 20 Municipal employees affiliated to the National Workers' Union (Herut) who are striking in protest against the recent agreement between the Mayor and the Histadrut-affiliated Workers' Committee following the strike at the Municipal Engineer's Department.

The strikers demand that Mr. Avraham Rimon, the official whose posting to the Roads Section in the Department had caused the ten-day strike, be returned to his job in the Payments Section, and that the Mayor undertake to upgrade him as had been planned before the strike.

Councillor David Yutan, who represents the Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that since Mr. Rimon was affiliated to the Union, it was inconceivable that an agreement regarding his future position should be signed with the local Labour Council. He added that the strike may spread to the 600 Municipal workers affiliated to the Union. These men are strongly represented in the city's sanitary services and in the Tax Collection Department, and may stop its work, Yutan said.

The Mayor agreed to meet with the strikers provided that they vacate his offices, but this they refused.

Deputy Mayor M. Ichilov (Herut) returned from his holiday abroad this morning. He is expected to be a key figure in the dispute.

The Municipal Finance Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow was postponed when the Herut Councillors, partners in the coalition, stated that they felt themselves free from coalition responsibility.

Kishon Harbour Called to Life

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Kishon Harbour, one of the city's quietest and dreamiest sections, awoke to life today when the 3,500 ton Spanish freighter, Monte Anbotto, steamed in at 1.00 p.m. and dropped anchor at the cargo quay.

The Monte Anbotto arrived on September 16 with over 3,000 tons of Cuba sugar. She will now load 200 tons of scrap iron for Italy. Most of the scrap has been salvaged from the ill-fated Patria which sank in Haifa Port during World War II with heavy loss of life.

Guiding the freighter into the narrow harbour proved a delicate operation due to the absence of sufficient manoeuvring space. For safety's sake it has been decided to bring only smaller ships into the Kishon, although the possibilities of using the harbour for cargo discharge will thereby be much reduced.

Political Charges In Negev Court Martial

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Yosef Taur, 20, of kibbutz Shoval, in the Negev, today chose three days in prison rather than pay IL.30 fine when he was found guilty by a summary court martial here of entering a closed military area without a permit on July 7. He declined an offer by his friend and neighbour, Sheikh Suleiman el-Huse'il, to pay his fine.

Taur thus registered a protest against the ruling of the Military Government, whom he indirectly accused of having political rather than military interests, when they charged him with breaking the law. Taur is the "contact man" of kibbutz Shoval with their across-the-road neighbours, the el-Huse'il tribe, and he was in the habit of regularly entering the closed military area of the tribe without ever bothering to apply for a permit. And no one had ever bothered him, until July 7.

A short time prior to that date, however, the Army court-martialled two officers for being in Sheikh Suleiman's camp without the required permit, and the Mapam party had publicized the case. It is now believed that the authorities suspect Taur of using the incident for political ends. Sheikh Suleiman controls some 2,000 votes.

The Military Governor of the Negev, Sgan-Aluf Y. Vervin, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that he would maintain strict orders that no political representatives are to enter a closed military area without a permit.

First Labour Contract Signed in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — The first labour contract in this town, affecting 180 workers, was signed last night between the local Labour Council and the Harsa ceramics factory.

Special features of the contract are a 450 pruta a day increase in women's pay, a glass of milk a day for each worker at the factory's expense, and coverage of 80 per cent of damages sustained by injured workers from the time of the accident until they are covered by social benefits.

Mayor D. Tuvyahu, who is leaving for the U.S. tomorrow morning, and Mr. A. Remez, of the management of Soliel Boneh's Kur company, which runs the ceramics factory, were present at the signing of the contract.

Federman Returns To Answer Charges

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The contractor, Mr. A. Federman, who at the time of his departure for Europe was alleged to have absconded with large sums of money, returned to Israel tocompanied by his wife and two day by Air France from Paris achildren.

He said that he left on August 4 for New York on a visit to relatives which he had planned as far back as two years ago. When he learned that he was charged by certain newspapers and by his partner, Mr. A. Schwartzman, with absconding, he had cut short his visit and had returned to answer the charges. He owes money, he conceded, but claimed that that was nothing unusual in the contracting business, especially in this country.

Mr. Federman announced that he would sue the evening paper "Yediot Aharonot" for IL.100,000 for defamation, and would also sue Mr. Schwartzman.

Prof. Meyer Interred

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The funeral of Professor Ludwig P. Meyer, director of the children's departments and dispensaries in the Hadassah Municipal Hospital here, took place today. The funeral procession started from the Rehov Balfour dispensary where the deceased had worked, to the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

The large crowd of mourners included the Town Clerk, Mr. Y. Nedivi, and many physicians. In accordance with the deceased's wish, no eulogies were said.

Strike Threatened At Socony-Vacuum

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Labour Council made it clear today that it will not shrink from calling a strike at the Socony Vacuum Company.

This evening, the Council spokesman told the Press that the Council's Executive had empowered the Council's Secretariat to take all steps including declaration of a strike if its demands for improvement in the annual labour agreement were not met by the Company.

According to the Labour Council, the outstanding issues are the improvement in the pension fund, accident insurance, travel allowance, collection of Histadrut dues by the Company, and the collection of the Labour Exchange tax from unorganized employees.

"We have reached agreement on all issues except the word "consent" in reference to the deduction of the Labour Exchange fee which the Histadrut wants to be made compulsory, while we want it to be voluntary," the General Manager of the Company said today.

Socony's labour force here totals 150, including 80 installation workers.

INSURANCE FEES DUE ON ALL INCOMES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Special National Insurance Court, in its first judgment under the National Insurance Law, ruled yesterday afternoon that a person could be taxed 2.2 per cent on each of his separate sources of income.

The judgment, given in the case of a doctor who has both a salary and a private source of income, is to be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal of the National Insurance Institute by Mr. Haim Cohen, a certified Accountant, who appeared for the doctor.

Mr. Cohen claimed that this turned the premiums into a tax since many persons would be forced to pay twice as much as others without enjoying any compensating benefits.

The Court was composed of Chief Magistrate M. Peretz, Mr. A. Angel and Mr. A. Arazi.

Johnson, MP, Here As Gov't Guest

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Mr. Eric Johnson, M.P., arrived here today for a ten-day visit as guest of the Government.

Conservative Member for the Blackley Division of Manchester since 1951, Mr. Johnson has devoted considerable attention to Middle East affairs and has also spoken in Parliament on economic, industrial and social welfare matters.

He is a lecturer for the United Nations Association and actively supports the United Europe Movement. As a young man, he spent seven years running a cattle ranch in British Columbia. He served with the Royal Armoured Corps throughout the Second World War, being demobilised with the rank of major. He was awarded the Military Cross.

Mr. Johnson is 37.

Finnish Leaders Come For Week's Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Finnish Minister of Interior, Mr. Vaino Leskinen and the Secretary-General of the Finnish Trades Union Federation, Mr. Olari Lindblom, arrived today by SAS for a week's visit at the invitation of the Histadrut. They are to meet the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Min-

LESKINEN LINDBLOM

ister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Meyerson, and will tour all parts of the country.

The visitors are members of the Social Democratic Party and were invited to Israel by Mr. Aharon Becker, head of the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut, when he met them at the recent conference of the International Labour Organization.

ON TRIAL FOR DEAL WITH CEMENT MIXER

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The major witness in the trial of three men for the murder of Abdel Kurdi, Mrs. Miriam Mizrahi, was beaten by her husband today in the corridor of the District Court following her testimony on the intimate relations between herself and Nissim Hadad, alias Felix, one of the three accused.

The husband was immediately arrested, but Mrs. Mizrahi refused to give further testimony until he was released. The court sentenced her to three months in prison for contempt of court, but the sentence was soon withdrawn when her husband was returned to the courtroom.

The details of the relations between the witness and the accused followed the presentation to the court of letters with endearing expressions written by Mrs. Mizrahi to Hadad while he was in prison awaiting trial. The trial continues. *(Itim)*

ISRAEL TAKES FOURTH

The Israel Pavilion at the Izmir Trade Fair has won fourth prize from among 16 candidates, coming just behind France, Germany and Italy. The Fair was visited before its close on Monday, by the President of Turkey, Mr Celal Bayar.

Egg Rules Fail To Please Farmers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The present regulations governing the egg market in no way satisfy the producers' demands, Mr. N. Verlinsky, General Manager of Tnuva, told a Jerusalem Post reporter yesterday. The only practical solution is a complete decontrol of eggs or at least a drastic reduction in the quantities which the growers are to deliver at the official prices. The number of 30 million eggs delivered in August equalled that of the same month last year and permission to market the excessive quantities at free prices was therefore more or less illusory. One of the results of the new regulation has been the tendency to deliver the smaller sizes for sale on the ration and to sell on the free market the larger ones.

Tnuva (together with Tenne) expects to export eight million eggs next year as compared with 1.5 million last year which is only two per cent of the total egg production now estimated at more than 400 million. An increase of egg exports to 140 million within the short period of one year, as envisaged in the agreement between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Hayosmim company, was much too ambitious to be put into practice, according to Mr. Verlinsky. The scheme may however be workable at a lower level. As a matter of fact, a minimum volume of 35 million has been stipulated in the agreement.

Clubs Cheaper Than Prisons

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It is cheaper to build clubs for youngsters than prisons when they turn delinquent. Jerusalem's four clubs, which today cater to 250 children, should be doubled in number to accommodate another 300-400 children now running about in the streets. This was stated yesterday by members of the Municipal Social Welfare Department, headed by Mrs. P. Brada, in a tour of the clubs.

Councillor D. Siton said that for three hours in the afternoon the clubs were open to three types of children in the 8 to 14-year-old age group. The first had already been found guilty of delinquency and were on probation; the second were "potential" delinquents and needed special care to divert their potentialities into productive channels; the last group merely lacked playgrounds and proper study conditions at home.

Fourteen instructors, all part-time employees, teach the children and guide their activities.

Conditions in the clubs vary from "bad" in the Mankeret Mosaic quarter to "good" in Katamon. The other clubs are in the Sheikh Bader and Givat Shaul quarters.

DUTCH MINISTER'S DINNER PARTY

The Dutch Minister and Mrs. Boissevain gave a dinner party at their Jerusalem residence last night to the Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett; the French Ambassador, M. P. Gilbert; the Yugoslav Minister and Mrs. Vukmanovic; the British Military Attache and Mrs. Roper; General E.L.M. Burns, the U.N. Chief of Staff; his Political Adviser and Mrs. Vigier; Professor Vriesen, of Groenigen University; Mrs. J. Westerweel; Mr. and Mrs. S. Hoofien; Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry; Dr. E. Simon, Chief of Protocol; Mr. A. de Leeuw, President of the Hitahdut Olei Holland and Mrs. de Leeuw; Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Agron; senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and members of the Netherlands community in Jerusalem.

PAKISTAN. — Prime Minister Mohammed Ali said yesterday that Pakistan would be declared an Islamic Republic on January 1.

S'lem Milkmen Want Pay Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government cannot permit Jerusalem milk-retailers to increase the price of milk by 15 pruta per litre, as they are demanding, Mr. A. Halevy, the Food Controller, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Their margin of profit was an affair to be settled between them and Tnuva, he added.

Earlier yesterday, Mr. Ya'acov Krischevsky, secretary of the Tnuva Milk Retailers' Cooperative, told a press conference in Jerusalem that the members of his association were receiving a gross monthly salary of only IL.120 and were demanding IL.-230, either by increasing the price of milk to the consumer or by getting a reduction from the wholesalers, Tnuva. Six of the 96 members of the Cooperative, who were employed in administrative jobs in Tnuva were already receiving the larger salary Mr. Krischevsky pointed out.

Retailers' Profit

Despite the fact that, since the establishment of the State, the retail price of a litre of milk has risen from 102 pruta to 262 pruta, the retailers profit had, he claimed, risen only from 22 pruta to 24 pruta, and a year-and-a-half had elapsed since this last two-pruta rise.

In Jerusalem, the current price of a litre of milk is 262 pruta, compared with 300 pruta in the rest of the country.

The Cooperative sells 267,000 litres of milk monthly, realising a profit of IL.12,630. Of this, IL.-11,800 is paid out in members' salaries, IL.2,300 to the provident fund, insurance, severance pay, Kupat Holim, etc., IL.300 for office maintenance, and IL.250 in the granting of special discounts to hospitals and institutions. Thus, the Cooperative was burdened with a monthly deficit of IL.1,420, Mr. Krischevsky said. The management of Tnuva had been approached but was not prepared to assist the Cooperative, he continued, nor, had the Histadrut, of which all the retailers were members, been helpful in the matter. Mr. Krischevsky complained that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had been informed of the retailers' demands but had not troubled to reply to the letters and telegrams which had been sent.

The present salary was totally inadequate, the secretary emphasised, especially in view of the hard physical work involved in the job. Each roundsman had 300 customers to supply daily and had to distribute about 250 litres.

Tnuva markets 97 per cent of 30,000 litres of milk sold in Jerusalem every day, and the Cooperative distributes two-thirds of this amount, the remainder being sold by Tnuva branches.

Committee Meets On Doctors Pay

The Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, yesterday convened for the first time the Public Committee of Inquiry into the salaries and conditions of work of employed physicians.

The Minister announced the final composition of the Committee as consisting of representatives of the Histadrut, the Medical Association, the Organization of Government Physicians, the Organization of Kupat Holim Physicians, the Hadassah Medical Association, the Kupat Holim Centre and the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Representatives of the Ministry of Health, the Civil Service Commission, Malben, the Organization of Hadassah Physicians and the Organization of Government Workers may attend as observers. The representative of the Histadrut will be chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Serlin called on the Committee to complete its work rapidly and submit its recommendations before the Government considers the 1955-56 budget.

14 Young Farmers Here from Argentina

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Fourteen *halutzim* from Argentina were among the 336 passengers who arrived on the s.s. Artza here today. They underwent a year of agricultural training before they left, and 13 of them will join Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz Nir Yitzhak.

Egypt Casts 'Spell' On U.S, Says 'Look'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). Egypt's influence on the U.S. was noted by "Look" magazine today as "The Spell of Egypt."

It reported the "Egyptian trend" in Hollywood, the attention given a new art book "Egyptian Painting," the preparations to present on television the Metropolitan Opera's opening night performance of Aida, and the use of Egyptian modes in women's fashions.

Western Arms Bribe To Arabs — 'Guardian'

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — The "Manchester Guardian" asked editorially today if the supply of arms to Arab countries was not merely a bribe to buy an alliance and access to bases in an emergency.

Although "it would be gratifying" if the Arab states expressed their sentiments cordially in favour of the West, "surely the preface to stability in the Middle East must be a peace between the Arabs and Israel" which is fundamental, the paper said.

The editorial also asked, "is it possible to supply arms to the Arabs without causing a genuine threat to Israel? What is the purpose of the supply of arms? Is it supposed that the armies of the Arab League can be made a bulwark against the Russian armies which would deter the Russian strategists?"

Britain Offers to Mediate

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again to maintain themselves and their families.

4. H.M.G. were gravely concerned over the situation on the borders between Israel and her neighbours. They had consistently supported the efforts of the United Nations to bring about peace between the Arab States and Israel. They attached great importance to the effective working of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and very much hoped that Israel would return to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. They hoped that the Local Commanders' Agreement between Israel and Jordan would be revived.

5. H.M.G. believed that the atmosphere for a settlement could only be created if there was a more peaceful situation on Israel's borders. That required the avoidance of frontier incidents and the cessation of reprisal raids, the consequences of which could not be predicted. H.M.G. had not hesitated publicly to condemn reprisal raids.

6. H.M.G. believed that discussion of the differences between the parties would help. This could be either direct or through third parties. There could either be a preliminary discussion designed to create more peaceful conditions on the borders, which could lead to a wider discussion of all the outstanding differences, or a more general discussion straight away. In either case H.M.G., for their part, were willing to offer their good offices. The timing of such discussions would of course be important; the best preliminary would be the reduction of tension by the cessation of incidents and a more conciliatory attitude on both sides.

7. In the meantime, British policy would continue to be based on existing treaties and obligations, among them the treaty of alliance with Jordan and the Tripartite Declaration of May, 1950.

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Cables in Brief

RELIGION. — The Burmese Government, faced with country wide protest by banning Buddhist religious training in state schools, has reversed its decision in face of strong opposition from religious leaders, it was reported here today.

HEALTH. — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency headquarters in Amman announced yesterday that they are preparing to launch a school health service for 53,000 refugee children in Jordan.

DENIAL. — Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament yesterday that there was no truth in newspaper reports that a man had been killed when the Portuguese fired on Terekhol fort, Goa, on August 15.

TOUR. — Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida yesterday told Liberal members of Parliament that the main purpose of his 50-day world tour is to thank the U.S. and other countries which helped to bring about the San Francisco treaty.

Civil Service

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with demands from State-employed physicians, as yet unfulfilled.

The survey team presented details of pay and grading in 19 local authorities, eighteen governmental bodies, seven non-government institutions, including the Histadrut administration, the Hebrew University, the Technion and the Jewish Agency. Names of all these institutions have been omitted in the text.

In almost all, the surveyors found a tendency to fix on paper a low salaryy, with low differences between grades; but in reality, extra allowances created disparity. "Much ingenuity has been lavished on epense accounts and overtime pay — a useful device where income tax is concerned." They list 14 types of allowance, ranging from a field-worker's extra given to all employees, to the "bought holidays" of an employee who cannot afford to take his paid leave.

The chief problem encountered was the impossibility of comparing positions in the Civil Service with those outside, as there is no clear definition of function and authority. An overall description, such as "department head" or "secretary" has little value. Grading is a flexible instrument in the hands of Employees' Committees, and management, too. Even where the same grading nominally exists (in the three big Municipalities for example) different jobs are undertaken by workers in the same category.

The most striking feature in the salary scales of public institutions compared with those of governmental agencies is the wide spacing between grades. In the Civil Service, gross salaries of the highest and lowest grades have been fixed at the proportion of 2.2: 1, which represents a net difference of only 1.7: 1, for workers with two children.

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PEC Shareholders Prefer to Sell

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Shareholders of the Palestine Electric Corporation have another week in which to decide which of the two Government offers to accept in place of their present stock in the Corporation. The deadline is October 30. Present indications are that the majority of stockholders both here and abroad are choosing to sell outright to the Government rather than take Tavel Dollars plus a premium, spokesmen of the PEC told journalists during a tour of the Reading Power Station today.

The first meeting of the new Board of the Israel company will be held in November, to elect officers.

With a plant capacity of 260,000 kilowatts, the PEC last year generated a grand total of 980m. kwh, supplying consumers with 723 million units. This was the first year in which the new giant steam turbo-generators with their modern hydrogen cooling system were in use here. The Corporation has already begun work on two new stations in the South with a combined capacity of some 180,000 kw.

The extension to the Reading Station housing the two 50,000 kw turbo-generators is one of the most modern in the world, the spokesmen said. Hydrogen for the sleek-lined, pale green machines is manufactured by electrolysis by the Station. The Station now uses 700 tons of fuel a day and 30,000 cubic metres of sea water an hour to cool the turbines and liquify the steam (at 88 atmospheres and 510 degrees centigrade) for re-boiling in a constant process. The direct-coupled, steam turbo-generator system works at 31 per cent efficiency—a very high degree in view of the complicated process of transforming the latent energy in fuel into steam and thence into electricity.

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OUT of sixty-seven items on the agenda of the General Assembly of the United Nations which began its deliberations in New York yesterday, there is only one which directly concerns Israel: the report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East. This agency was established in 1949 for a period of three years and was prolonged for a further year by the 1953 Assembly.

SEARCH FOR SECURITY

Apart from this issue, it is expected that, unless there are any surprises, the Israel delegation will be able to preserve an open mind. They will find the many items involving colonialism perplexing. This country has always supported the desire of small peoples and groups for self-determination, but what her attitude is to be in connection with North Africa is complicated, in view of the special and precarious position of the Jewish minorities there.

This year's Assembly will be a tense arena, since in the past twelve months there has been a substantial rise in temperature of the cold war, despite the fact that this is the first meeting for some years which finds a world officially at peace now that the fighting in Indo-China is at an end. How far the United Nations can fulfil its dual basic functions of preserving peace and moving the world onwards towards a greater measure of cooperation between the nations is the criterion of all its activities. It has to be remembered, in face of widely publicized failures in the political field, that a continuous, patient process of weaving the world together and getting its various peoples to cooperate for the common good is going on all the time through the work of United Nations agencies such as the International Labour Office, UNESCO and the World Health Organization.

Nevertheless the failure of the United Nations to assure the nations of peace will continue to lead increasingly to a desperate search by the nations of the world for security by means of regional or ideological groupings or by combinations which are sometimes only held together by things feared rather than ideals held in common. This is manifested by the simultaneous presence in the Western camp of neo-Communist Yugoslavia and neo-Fascist Spain. It is significant of this extra-mural search for security that the meeting of the General Assembly in New York should coincide exactly with the meeting of the nine powers in London to search for a formula which will at once permit the re-arming of Germany, calm the fears of France and satisfy the legitimate aspirations of the others.

It is a very confused and difficult world in which the nations seek wearily for their paths today, and a piteous thing that the light of international cooperation and understanding, which could be such a bright beacon, should shine as dimly as it does in the dangerous age in which we live.

MINISTERS ABROAD

MRS. Myerson's present visit to the United States on behalf of the Israel Bond Drive is yet another reminder of the unique role played by this devoted and indefatigable member of the Government. It is no detraction from the efforts of other Ministers to note that the Minister of Labour has perhaps carried out more missions abroad than most people with lighter burdens to carry. She, it was, who spearheaded the first Israel appeal after the nation came into being in 1948, on which occasion the amount raised to help this country exceeded all records and has never been surpassed. It was the impact she made on the Jewish and general public at that time which has led to the constant demand for her presence as the pro-Israel campaign season gets under way in America.

That our Ministers are unsparing of themselves — we hope not to a perilous degree — is shown by the fact that the Knesset recess is being used by several of them for intensive campaigning. The Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, is on his travels and Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Development, is soon to go to America. Mr. Joseph Saphir, Minister of Communications, is just back from South Africa, and Mr. Rosen, Minister of Justice, is in Switzerland.

West Germany's Instability

E.D.C. Failure Marks Decline of Adenauer

By SEBASTIAN HAFFNER

BERLIN, (OPNS).—THE heavy defeat of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party in last week's elections in Schleswig-Holstein — when it lost 40 per cent of its vote of a year ago — has been widely attributed to the final collapse of the European Defence Community project on which the West German Chancellor had staked so large a part of his reputation.

This is perhaps a little too simple an explanation. The Chancellor's Party had already lost almost as heavily in the North Rhine-Westphalia elections in June, when the fate of E.D.C. was still undecided; and even before that, a steady falling off in public support for the Adenauer Government had been noted by German public opinion polls. If anything, the turning point was probably the Berlin conference last winter, which left a gnawing sense of disappointment and malaise in Germany — an uncomfortable feeling of being led astray and left in the lurch which has not worn off to this day and which naturally damages the Government.

But whatever the exact reasons for the swing in West German public opinion, the uncannily fast disintegration of Dr. Adenauer's huge popular majority of a year ago is a noteworthy fact in itself. It shows that the apparent stabilization of German political opinion which seemed to express itself in the East German rising of June 17, 1953, and the West German election results of September 6, 1953, was a flash in the pan. German opinion, in East and West Germany alike, remains unsettled and volatile, liable to change very quickly in unforeseeable directions.

East Firmer Politically

At the moment, for instance, East Germany is a great deal more, and West Germany a great deal less, consolidated politically than would have seemed possible a year ago. This may change again; it merely shows how little the Germans have settled down yet — how strongly the German dough is still fermenting.

Nor is this really surprising. Germany has, since 1945, hardly yet had time to begin the process of facing her own recent past, and deciding such fundamental questions as whether or not to accept her defeat in the Second World War, or from what point — Hitler, Weimar, Bismarck or pre-Bismarck — to reckon her political identity and continuity. Hunger and sudden prosperity, the cold war and the reversal of the war alliances, the half imposed, half voluntary division of the country and the cold civil war which has since then existed between West and East Germany, have prevented any serious national self-scrutiny and the laying of any agreed new political basis of national existence.

The so-called "European idea" seemed for a time to provide many West Germans with an all-too-easy apparent escape from their national responsibilities and problems: one only had to call oneself a European instead of a German and one seemed rid of one's own past. Suddenly this apparent escape road seemed blocked. The consequence is renewed mental confusion.

Facing Reality

Perhaps it will later be seen that in this uncomfortable year 1954 the Germans were for the first time brought to face those realities and unsolved national problems which have been vainly waiting for their attention since 1945. It is too early to say what the positive result of the confused beginning of national self-examination will be. But one can see one negative result beginning to show itself — the decline of the prestige of Dr. Adenauer.

Dr. Adenauer was essentially the great man of the era of escape in post-war Germany. His reputation was that of a Father-figure who was also a magician; a wise, cultured, gentle, dignified old patrician from pre-1914 times who seemed to rise from a nostalgic dream; and also, miraculously, a wizard who by a wave of his magic wand could wipe out everything that had happened between 1933 and 1945, charming away the consequences of defeat from the nation's body and the memories of crime from its soul. Last year the reputation of his wizardly was at its height—so much so that even case-hardened old Nazis began almost sincerely to believe that they had never been Nazis but always model Europeans and democrats, and that they had never made war against the West, but had always been its best and truest allies.

This year the Adenauer magic has suddenly begun to fail. The Germans are suddenly awakening to the realization of their divisions — not only between East and West but also between Nazis and anti-Nazis and between rich and poor; they are also beginning to awake to the realization that they are still Germans and have still to make their peace with their neighbours as Germans — or fail to quarrel with them again. And Dr. Adenauer — still a dignified figure, almost overloaded with national and international praise and respect — finds himself in the pathetically tragic post of a magician whose formulae suddenly fail to work and who waives his magic wand in vain.

It is this break in political atmosphere, more than any clear-cut issue like Western integration against German reunification, which accounts for the sudden reversal in political trends revealed in the Schleswig-Holstein elections.

Ex-S.S. General Karl Oberg, known as the "Butcher of Paris," in the dock of the Paris Military Tribunal, where he appeared on a number of charges of crimes against humanity. A previous trial had been adjourned on legal grounds. Express photo

6 m. Dead: First German Admission

BONN (W.J.A.). — In an article in "Das Parlament," a semi-official Bonn publication, Dr. Helmut Krausnick, of the Munich Institute for Contemporary History, estimates the number of Jewish Nazi victims at between five and six million.

Dr. Krausnick bases his calculations upon the evidence of Dr. Hoettl, an S.S. leader, at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. According to Hoettl, he was told by the "Obersturmbannfuehrer" Eichmann — the official responsible for "Jewish matters" in the "Reichssicherheitsamt" (a branch of the Gestapo) — that approximately four million Jews had been killed in the extermination camps and a further two by other means. Hoettl added that Himmler had not been satisfied with these figures as, in his opinion, even more Jews had been killed.

Other sources cited by Dr. Krausnick include a study of the World Jewish Institute of Jewish Affairs in New York, which arrives at a total of 5.8 million Jews killed, and Gerhard Reitlinger's book "The Final Solution" which gives a very conservative estimate of 4.5 million for the final phase of liquidation only.

The significance of the article lies in the fact that this is the first authoritative German admission of a figure of five to six million Jewish Nazi victims. German as well as some Swiss papers have in the past attempted to minimise the extent of Nazi mass murder by quoting figures of 1.5 or two million Jewish victims.

Jordan Makes Good Thing Of Exporting Tourist Articles

By G.B. SQ'IRE

JERUSALEM, Jordan (PNS). — CARVED olive-wood camels, mother-of-pearl jewellery and brass Arabian coffee pots are on sale at New York's Saks-Fifth Avenue and Washington's Woodward and Lothrop. Most of them came from one of Jordan's largest sellers of Holy Land objects, Batarseh and Company of Bethlehem.

Banding together with several other firms who sell the output of craftsmen who work in their own small shops or homes, Batarseh consulted U.S. Point Four experts. Point Four suggested (1) rough hewing some of the objects by machine before turning them over to craftsmen for finishing, and (2) selling to U.S. department-store buyers on their own home grounds.

Carved Camels

The companies agreed to take the advice. They bought some simple routing and sawing machinery. In the case of the carved camels, production was boosted 1,000 per cent, yet the camels were hand-carved in their final stages and still qualified as handcrafted items.

The companies then sent a sales representative, armed with samples and production figures, to call on U.S. department-store buyers. Saks bought 10,000 of the olive-wood camels, sold out in four days after delivery. Woodward and Lothrop ordered more than 500 coffee-pots initially, sold out in two days, reordered.

The sales representative also obtained an order from a U.S. five-and-ten chain for Holy Land wild flowers mounted on greeting-cards. Sales so far are nearing 40,000, or about what would be sold to tourists here in an average year.

Other hand-made items are being studied to see if their sales potential can be enhanced by partial prefabrication and more modern marketing methods. For example, most of the wool from Jordan sheep goes into crude, hand-woven rugs; but with training and changes in loom-ing methods, this same wool can yield a high-quality, suit-weight tweed that Point Four experts claim can rival that of Scotland in wearing qualities. Skilled needlework is being suggested in greater quantity to the U.S., where it sells well despite the high prices made necessary by customs duties.

Although export of shiploads of phosphates may seem more attractive on paper to a dollar-hungry country like Jordan, government economists are discovering that the traditional exports may still be the most profitable.

Yesterday's Press

Peace Talks Test of Sincerity

COMMENTING on the new Arab diplomatic offensive, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that hitherto the Arab rulers feared that acceptance of the Western arms would bind them and prevent "independent action" such as for instance a second round against Israel. Now the situation has changed because the new American policy does not require the Arabs to give any such guarantee. However, both Nuri Said and Gamal Abdel Nasser know that Western public opinion wants to see some moderation on the part of the Arab rulers. Further the present Arab campaign should be viewed with Israel's recent protests against the arms handouts in mind. Nor is the paper sure whether the idea originated with the Arab rulers themselves. It suggests that Israel make new proposals to test the declared sincerity of our neighbours' intentions. Such proposals might include the initiation of direct peace talks.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) complains about the discriminatory attitude of the labour exchanges. They declared war against the settlers of Bnei Zion who could not afford to hire organised labourers, but they did not react at all when the Kibbuts Me'uhad decided to discontinue the employment of hired labour in its settlements, established on land owned by the national funds.

Reporting that the Arabs are afraid of a return of D. Ben Gurion to public life, "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) expresses also its own fears in that connection, saying that Ben Gurion has not ceased for a single day to weave his net of political intrigues. The reactionary British election system is merely a smoke screen; Ben Gurion does not serve the interests of the people, but his bonapartist dreams. The paper expresses hope that the General Zionists will not accept the electoral modification, which therefore stands hardly any chance of being achieved.

Regulations Welcomed

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with the problem of the senior Government officials and welcomes the new regulations adopted by the Government according to which they will be forbidden to engage in business activities and required to report their property. The paper also commends the new regulations that are designed to give permanent status to Directors-General of Ministries. The paper adds that the wages of senior Government officials should be increased in a way commensurate with their responsibility and obligations.

Readers' Letters

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As the exhibition currently running at the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem reflects on the abilities of the exhibitors, we, participants and members of the Press Photographers' Association of Israel, feel bound to voice the following comments:

The announced rules for the exhibition were not adhered to by the organizers, i.e.,

1) The required size of the photographs was 24:30 cm. mat finish. Nevertheless "oversized" photos were accepted.
2) Each competitor was limited to 12 photos only. Nevertheless the organizers disregarded this by accepting more photos from several competitors. (In the case of Mr. Weissenstein of Tel Aviv, over 40 pictures).
3) We were also taken aback by the fact that the organizers granted Mr. Weissenstein the unfair advantage of exploiting the exhibition (appr. 60 particulants) to stage a private show.
4) Although Mr. Weissenstein's displayed transparencies were declared "hors de concours," a first prize was awarded to one of them.

Severe criticism of the artistic and photographic value of the exhibits was voiced. The blame, in our opinion, is to be laid on the first jury, which decided which pictures should be hung. Judging from the pictures that were selected and those that were rejected, we cannot but conclude that the propaganda value of the contribution was placed above its artistic value.

We have decided to hold a photographic exhibition of the work of our members in the not-too-distant future in order to show our real abilities. To prove our point, a special section of this forthcoming exhibition will be dedicated to photos rejected by the jury of the present exhibition, thereby giving the public a chance to judge whether Israel photographers can produce more than what your critic called "beautifully enlarged snapshots and propaganda pictures."

Yours, etc.,
The Council,
The Press Photographers' Association of Israel

Jerusalem, Sept. 12.

Bezalel Museum's Reply

1. A certain number of circulars stating the rules of the contest were distributed before we discovered a mistake in the specifications of the size of the photographs. We immediately corrected the rule to read "The size of photographs should be at least 24 x 30"
2. As the judges who chose the photographs for the exhibition were entirely unaware of the identity of the competitors, and as there were two simultaneous exhibitions, entries for which were sent in separate envelopes, the jury was unable to tell whether any one contestant had submitted more than 12 photographs.
3. The complaint that 40 pictures of Mr. Weissenstein's were exhibited is totally unfounded. A series of diapositives that he had sent in were exhibited "hors concours" with seven others, in a small dark room outside the main exhibition, because they constituted a different technique which, we felt, would interest the public.
4. The prize-winning series of diapositives was exhibited together with the other "hors concours" for the simple reason that the technique required special lighting facilities.

The members of the first jury were a representative body: by participating in the contest, the contestants have accepted these jurors and their point of view in judging the pictures.

If the Association of Press Photographers should organize an exhibition that would show better results, we would be very pleased and consider that one of the aims o the present exhibition was on the way to fulfilment.

Directors, National Museum
Bezalel
Government Tourist Centre

POPULAR HOBBY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In Mr. Isaacman's review of the Jerusalem exhibition of photographs (published on September 7), he says, *inter alia*, that "Photographs are our best means of propaganda." However, very little is done in our country to encourage amateurs. No paper is available, especially not in the desired format of 24 by 30 cms., and photography is altogether such a costly business that persons with an average income can hardly afford it.

The Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Abba Khoushy, has done a lot to encourage the "Photographic Society" in Haifa, but even with the best intentions he was unable to provide a meeting place, let alone a darkroom. Without government help the results will be poor.

Yours, etc.,
DR. P. S. MEYER.

Haifa, September 7.

A factory for the manufacture of local sensitised paper is soon to be opened in Natanya. — Ed.

QUICK SERVICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—In *The Jerusalem Post* of September 2 the Hon. Edwin Samuel mentions as a remarkable fact that he once received the London "Times" the following morning at 11:30 a.m. in his Jerusalem home.

I would like to observe that for at least a year I have been regularly receiving Tuesday's *Jerusalem Post* at my Amsterdam address on Wednesday at about 8 a.m. (therefore beating the above record by 3½ hours) and that on most other days I receive the paper about 48 hours after it is published.

Yours etc.,
B.H.

Amsterdam, September 6.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It might interest you that the issue of your paper of Sunday, September 12th, was delivered to me at 8 a.m. this morning. This is the second time this month that I received it the following day. Indeed an efficient service!

Yours, etc.,
OTTO KOHN

Birmingham, England
Sept. 13.

TURKISH CITIZENS

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A Debt of Honour

By ELIAS M. EPSTEIN

THE Government has recently enacted a National Old Age Pension scheme of liberal character of which a much more prosperous country need not be ashamed. Yet the same Government has exhibited a strange, indeed callous, indifference to the welfare of a loyal body of citizens — the Jewish Civil Servants and a number of others who were pensionable under the British Mandatory Administration. Almost all these officials elected to remain here, where they had spent most of their adult lives in the service of its development. Because they have no means of exerting political pressure, their grievance goes unredressed.

Upon the withdrawal of the British Mandatory Government and the establishment of the State of Israel, an Agreement was drawn up concerning payment for British assets remaining in Palestine. The British claim was at first for a huge sum, but in negotiations in London Mr. D. Horowitz, now Governor-designate of the State Bank, was able to pare it down to only £8m. repayable in 15 years at one per cent interest, plus the capitalized value of the Pensions due from Britain to its former Officers: viz, £2.4m.

Soldiers' Pensions

The Government asked to be relieved of this latter payment by itself undertaking to be responsible for payment of the Pensions, and the British Government agreed to this further concession. Thus, Israel was relieved of a substantial debt. The British Government continues to pay its pensions (in Sterling) not only to its pensioned officials in places like India, which it has evacuated but also to disabled soldiers of the British Forces who live in Israel. The latter receive their compensation in Sterling, for which the Israel Government is glad to pay them IL.5 for £1.

Not so, however, in the case of the Mandatory Officials. These ex-Civil Servants, of whom there are some 2,500 in the country, were paid IL.1 in exchange for every pound Sterling. The beneficiaries — the pensioners themselves — were not consulted as to whether they agreed to have the debt to them transferred from the British to the Israel Government. Had the pensioners known what would happen they could have petitioned the British Government to continue to pay the pensions, as it is now doing to Palestine pensioners resident abroad, and would thus have been saved their present hardship.

1939 Basis

The Mandatory pension had been fixed in 1948 on the basis of a Cost-of-Living index of 1939. In addition to this depreciation, the gap between the Israel and British pound began to widen with serious consequences. The pension of the former Palestine official lost most of its value. The Government, which had received the equivalent of Sterling (by way of cancellation of a Sterling debt), did not pay the international value of Sterling, or even its own statutory rate of IL.2.800 and later IL.5.040.

As a result of protests that the deflated pension made it impossible for its recipients to maintain themselves, small concessions were wrung from the Treasury. A trivial reduction of income tax was allowed. Eventually, the Government went so far as to pay IL.3 per £1, less than one third of the "free" value and less than half of the Government's own official equivalent of the English pound. It is hard to see on what this new rate is based. It means that an officer entitled to £121 per quarter receives IL.250 instead of IL.605.

There are two aspects of this situation. One is the legal side. It seems incredible that an international Court would sustain the withholding from Pensioners (universally recognized as entitled to scrupulously fair treatment), of the full value of their pensions. But assuming that lawyers found an excuse for this injustice, there is also the practical and moral side. Britain, in good faith, relinquished her claim to £2.4m. in the firm belief that her pensioners, to whom she owed this money, would not suffer at the hands of their own Government. Now, Israel is paying only some 40 per cent of the statutory value of that sum.

For years, the Pensioners have patiently submitted their case, but little understanding has been displayed of the unfairness which a generous action on the part of Britain made feasible. It can be well appreciated how uneasy British Officials feel at this unexpected sequel to Mr. Horowitz's appeal to the late Sir Stafford Crippa, then Chancellor of the Exchequer who could not have foreseen that there would be any profiteering at the expense of the Mandatory Pensioners for whom he was responsible.

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Nature Notes

The Lilac Devil in the Yarkon

THE press has reported that the weed which invaded the Yarkon is a menace to navigation. In fact, the word menace is an understatement. This column has several times had occasion to warn against upsetting the balance of nature. Whoever blessed the Yarkon with the "Lilac devil," as the water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) is rightly called in Florida, has much to answer for.

We find the water hyacinth, one of the pickerel-weed family, in many ornamental waters of this little country. It is lovely indeed with its orchidlike, beautifully shaped and delicately tinted flowers, always in clusters of pale lilac, with yellow and blue centre marks. Originating in tropical America, this floating weed, with bladders keeping it high in the water, has become a pest on a grand scale in many countries, almost all over the world, wherever climatic conditions favour it, and wherever foolish gardeners have allowed it to escape.

Neither in Florida nor in India and Australia has man so far succeeded in getting rid of what he thoughtlessly brought on himself. There, however, the scale of the damage is far, far greater than with us, and systematic eradication could probably still stop it. As a curiosity, it may be mentioned that in India they have made the best of a bad bargain and are using the weed for manufacturing paper.

P.A.

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